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MS: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Patent Application 10/014,927 entitled "Splicing Factor" by Barta et al.
Our ref: SONN:013US Client ref: R38726/sh

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Amendment; A Response to the Office Action Dated April 9, 2004; A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time;
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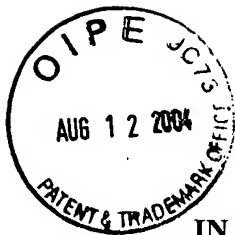
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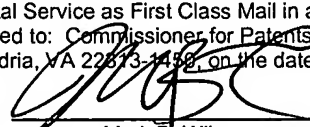
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: SPLICING FACTOR
Appl. No.: 10/014,927
Applicant: Barta *et al.*
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I. AMENDMENT; II. A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 9, 2004 AND III. A PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2004 (the Action) for the above-referenced case. Consideration of this case in view of this Response is requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

A Response to the Office Action begins on 14 of this paper.

A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time begins on 35 of this paper.